

with DoD Directives 5400.7 and 5400.11.⁹ Those data elements shall include the following:

(A) The number of infants and toddlers and their families served.

(B) The types of services provided.

(C) Other information required to evaluate the implementation of early intervention programs (EIPs).

(xii) Resolve disputes in the DoD Components arising under Appendix A to this part.

(b) The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

(1) Provide MRS for eligible children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, inclusive.

(2) Plan, develop, and implement a comprehensive, coordinated, intra-Component, and community-based system of early intervention services for eligible infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

(3) Design and implement activities to ensure compliance through technical assistance and program evaluation for early intervention and MRS.

(c) The Director, Department of Defense Education Activity, shall ensure that the Director, DoDDS, does the following:

(1) Ensures that eligible children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, are provided a FAPE.

(2) Ensures that the educational needs of children with and without disabilities are met comparably, consistent with Appendix B to this part.

(3) Ensures that educational facilities and services operated by the DoDDS for children with and without disabilities are comparable.

(4) Maintains records on special education and related services provided to eligible children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, consistent with DoD Directive 5400.11.

(5) Provides any or all special education and related services required by a child with a disability, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, other than those furnished by the Secretaries of the Military Departments. The Director, DoDDS, may act through inter-Agency, intra-Agency, and inter-Service arrangements, or through contracts with private parties when funds are authorized and appropriated.

(6) Participates in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of personnel development.

(7) Undertakes activities to ensure compliance by the DoDDS with this part through monitoring, technical assistance, and program evaluation of special education and those related services provided by the DoDDS.

(d) The *Director, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals*, under the *General Counsel of the Department of Defense*, shall ensure impartial due process hearings are provided consistent with Appendix F to this part.

⁹See footnote 1 to § 57.1(a).

§ 57.6 Procedures.

(a) The procedures for early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families are prescribed in Appendix A to this part.

(b) The procedures for educational programs and services for children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, are prescribed in Appendix B to this part.

(c) The procedures for conducting hearings are prescribed in Appendix F to this part.

APPENDIX A TO PART 57—PROCEDURES FOR THE PROVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

A. *Requirements for an Early Intervention Program (EIP)*

1. All eligible infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth through age 2 and their families shall receive early intervention services, as follows:

a. In school years 1991 through 1994, the Department of Defense planned and continues to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities among DoD entities involved in providing such services.

b. In school year 1994 through 1995, the Department of Defense implemented and shall continue to implement the following program components described in paragraph A.1.a. of this Appendix:

(1) Multidisciplinary assessments.

(2) IFSPs.

(3) Service coordination.

c. In school year 1995 through 1996, the Department of Defense shall implement the program described in paragraph A.1.a. of this Appendix.¹

2. Early intervention services shall be provided in the natural environment.

3. Parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities are to be full and meaningful participants in the EIP.

B. *Military Department Responsibilities*

Each Military Department shall develop and implement in its assigned geographic area a system to provide for the following:

1. A comprehensive child find procedure coordinated with the DoDDS child find system and primary referral sources such as the child development center and the pediatric clinic.

2. Administration and supervision of EIPs and services.

¹The EIP shall be continuously implemented.